

To: Jones, Enesta[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
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Subject: Request for comment from Breitbart News

Enesta,

Todd Hennis, owner of the Gold King mine, claims that the EPA coerced him to grant access to this mine on threat of a \$35,000 a day fine.

Can you confirm or deny this?

Thanks!

On deadline, 9 am tomorrow (Saturday).

Michael Patrick Leahy

Breitbart News Contributor

Quote below:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/colorado-mine-owner-contaminated-wastewater/>

Hennis said the EPA forced him to allow access to his mine four years ago. He did not want to give the EPA access to investigate the leakage from his mine but

said he was fined daily.

"When you're a small guy and you're having a \$35,000-a-day fine accrue against you, you have to run up the white flag," he said.
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